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RELEASE AT WILL::: Winter Waterfowl Count Normal

AUGUSTA, MAINE --- The 1969 mid-winter waterfowl inventory in Maine has been conducted on the coast from Jan. 6 to Jan. 14, 1969. Chief Warden Pilot George W. Later of Greenville flew the two engine Piper Comanche with J. Wm. Peppard as observer. The same coastal areas were flown as in 17 previous mid-winter inventories.

This survey was designed primarily to inventory black ducks, but all waterfowl observed are identified and recorded on a portable disk recorder. The data are then transferred to standard reporting forms. All 50 states conduct this same survey during the same week and reports are sent to the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Wintering conditions for waterfowl along the Maine coast appeared normal with not as much ice as in 1968.

The most important species inventoried are listed below with the per cent change as compared with the 1968 inventory.

<u>Species</u>	<u>No. Observed</u>	<u>Change from 1968</u> (per cent)
Black Duck	26,200	
Goldeneye	10,000	+15
Bufflehead	1,600	-41
Scaup	900	-71
Scoter	1,700	+31
Eider	9,900	-62
Old Squaw	100	-50
Miscellaneous	1,000	-50

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* NOTE TO EDITORS: The following release may be of interest to *
* readers in your service area. It concerns adult education courses *
* to be given in Portland, Lewiston, Rangeley, Milo, Woodland (Wash- *
* ington County), and Caribou. Specific information on each location *
* is given at the end of the release and may be inserted into the *
* body of the release, thus providing the reader with more details. *
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RELEASE AT WILL::: Fish and Game Courses to Begin in February

AUGUSTA, MAINE---- The popular adult education school of the Maine Fish and Game Dept. will be given in six Maine communities this year beginning in February. The courses are free and are given one night a week for seven weeks.

Instruction in fish and game management fundamentals and law enforcement will be given by local representatives of the Warden Service and Fishery, Game, and Hatchery divisions of the Fish and Game Dept.

The courses are being offered this year in Portland, Lewiston, Rangeley, Milo, Woodland (Washington County), and Caribou.

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Started in 1964 by Fish and Game Commissioner Ronald T. Speers, the adult education program has been well received in each of the nineteen Maine communities where it has been presented so far. It gives local sportsmen and others interested in conservation a chance to learn more about the work being done by the Department to maintain and improve Maine's fish and wildlife resources.

Persons interested in enrolling should make written application, including a one dollar registration fee, to Grady E. Hocutt, Maine Fish and Game Dept., State Office Bldg, Augusta 04330. Applications are being accepted on a first-come first-served basis and will be limited to 75 persons at each location.

Details of Adult Education Sessions.

Portland:	Location -- Society of Natural History Museum Dates of operation -- Feb 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 1969 (Tuesdays 7-9 p.m.)
Lewiston:	Location -- Lewiston High School (Thursday 7-9 p.m.) Dates of operation -- Feb 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 1969
Rangeley	Location -- Rangeley High School Dates of operation -- Feb 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 1969 (Wednesday 7-9 p.m.)
Milo:	Location -- Penquis Valley High School Dates of operation -- Feb 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 1969 (Tuesday 7-9 pm)
Woodland: (Washington County)	Location -- Woodland High School Dates of operation -- Feb 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 1969 (Wednesday 7-9pm)
Caribou:	Location -- Teague Park School Dates of operation -- Feb 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 1969 (Thursday 7-9 pm)